# **CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD**

# MEETING MINUTES November 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Those in attendance were:

Cambridge Water Board (CWB): Ann Roosevelt, Philip M. Weinberg and Paul Robillard Cambridge Water Department (CWD): Sam Corda, Fred Centanni, Mark Gallagher, Tim MacDonald, Chip Norton, Steve Lush and Kathy Toppi.

Guests: None

# A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2009 MEETING

Mr. Robillard moved and Mr. Weinberg seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

# **B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*High Lift Pumps:* Currently all four pumps are working. Still need to do some repairs over the winter. Need two pumps working with one backup during the summer months.

*Ozone Generators:* Refurbished #1 but we are still having problems with it. One generator is needed to run the plant and currently we have two.

House Bill #834 (Green Bill): There was some discussion about this bill currently passed by the House and it has gone to committee for review. The bill proposes to impose minimum stream flows to maintain wildlife habitat and fish. If made into law this would have a significant impact on the ability of the Cambridge Water Department to provided potable water to the citizens of Cambridge by reducing the water available by up to 75%. The direct impact would be the need to go on MWRA water for most of the year resulting in a significant increase in the cost of water while the environmental improvement to the watershed would be negligible.

Hiring Status: There are currently 6 open positions at the Water Department

# **C. OPERATIONS**

#### **Transmission and Distribution:**

Edmunds Street: Completed in-house installation of 360' of new 8" DICL water main on Edmunds Street from the 10" main on Massachusetts Avenue. A 1" line in parallel to the new water main was also installed to create a "loop" with the intent to improve water quality.

#### Watershed:

*Massachusetts Highway Department Meeting:* Submitted design plans for detention basins along Route 128 in Waltham. The value of this work is \$6M and we have hired a consultant to help with review of the plans.

Fresh Pond Reservation Dog Management Plan: Continue to work on a plan to move the public process forward.

#### **Business:**

None

# **Water Operations:**

Emergency Response Plan: Tim MacDonald made a brief presentation on the CWD Emergency Response Plan and recently changed DEP requirements. The several volumes that comprise the plan are available for review by the Board. The volumes include: 1) two watershed/dam related volumes maintained by the Watershed Division, 2) Department organization ERP plan prepared based on US EPA requirements, and 3) a public notification manual that meets DEP and US EPA requirements. In addition, there is an "appendix" that was required to identify the specific scenario based emergency response plans. CWD has to "certify" to DEP by December 31, 2009 that the plan is in compliance with the DEP requirements.

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None

# **D.** Action Items

None

# E. Miscellaneous Correspondence and Items of Interest

No comment

# F. New Business

None

# **G.** Next Meeting Dates/Topics:

- Monday, December 14, 2009 Approved/Administration/Election Water Board President (2010)
- Monday, January 11, 2010 Approved/Watershed Division
- Monday, February 8, 2010 Approved/Engineering Division
- Monday March 8, 2010 TBA/Distribution Division
- Monday April 12, 2010 TBA/AMR Program
- Monday, May 10, 2010 TBA/FY11 Budget
- Monday, June 14, 2010 TBA /PPCPs

Mr.	Weinberg moved and Mr. Robillard seconded	the motion t	to adjourn	the meeting	at 6:23	pm.
The	vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.					

Minutes approved by vote of the Board	l	
Signed:	Date:	
Ann C. Roosevelt, President		